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Notes and news

In *Notulæ Systematicæ* 1: 234. 1910, Dr. H. Christ has described a new *Dryopteris*, *D. tremula*, from Mexico, state of Michoacan. Recently I have had numerous specimens of this fern of the type collection (Herb. Roland Bonaparte) and I believe that it cannot be separated specifically from *D. thelypteris*. If I am correct in this, the finding of this species in southern Mexico is most interesting, *D. thelypteris* not having been found previously in tropical America.—C. CHRISTENSEN

The following members of the American Fern Society were present at the meeting of the Vermont Botanical Club, held at Brandon, Vermont, July 6 and 7: C. H. Bissell, Southington, Conn.; Dr. E. Brainerd, Middlebury, Vt.; D. Lewis Dutton, Brandon, Vt.; Mrs. Nellie F. Flynn, Burlington, Vt.; Dr. Tracy Hazen, New York City; F. T. Pember, Granville, N. Y.; Harold G. Rugg, Hanover, N. H.; Miss Mabel Strong, Woodstock, Vt., and Mrs. Emily Hitchcock Terry, Northampton, Mass. The excessively warm weather prevented others from attending.

The rarest fern found was *Woodsia glabella* R. Br., collected on Mt. Horrid, at an elevation of about 2,500 feet. A fine station for *Dryopteris Goldiana* (Hook.) A. Gray and *Asplenium angustifolium* Michx. was visited. Dr. Hazen was successful in getting some *Dryopteris* hybrids.

A forward step in the conservation of Missouri's resources has been taken by the University of Missouri in the appointment of Professor J. A. Ferguson, of State College, Pennsylvania, to the position of Professor of Forestry in the College of Agriculture. Professor Ferguson is a graduate of Yale Forestry School, and has for

nearly two years been head of the Department of Forestry at State College, Pennsylvania.

The College of Agriculture owns fifty thousand acres of forest lands in the southern part of Missouri. It is planned to utilize these lands as an outdoor laboratory for the instruction in practical forestry. It is probable that a portion of the forestry instruction will be given on these forest lands. A large number of applications for forestry instruction are already on file and it is anticipated there will be a large enrollment of students at the beginning of the university year.

It may not be out of place to remind members of the Society that under Sec. D plants other than cut flowers may be sent by express at the rate of two ounces for one cent provided the charges are prepaid.

Local agents and drivers, as a rule, are densely ignorant of this rate, and their rulings as to rates always favor the express companies. However, interstate commerce laws provide that a schedule of rates be kept on file and open to the public, and if members will avail themselves of the privilege of examination, they will find the rates as given above.

Since ferns are plants and are not cut flowers, they are clearly entitled to this rating. —SECRETARY.

Mr. Harold G. Rugg, Hanover, N. H., offers to members of the American Fern Society specimens of *Adiantum bellum* from Bermuda for postage.

Now that we are in the middle of the collecting season, it is to be hoped that the herbarium of the American Fern Society will be well remembered by collectors. Contributions to the herbarium will be thankfully received and highly appreciated by the curator, Prof. L. S. Hopkins, Lincoln H. S., Pittsburg, Pa.

A revision of the constitution of the American Fern Society has been under consideration and has been dis-

cussed for some time, a few years at least. At the beginning of the present year it was considered best not to take any definite action immediately, in view of the fact that some changes had already been made in the policy of the society. But by this time a few changes and additions in the constitution should be made so as to define more closely the duties of some of the officers, to provide for the publication of the official organ of the society, annual reports, or other matters. Perhaps it would be better to have the officers serve a longer term and avoid having the elections recur so often. The president has appointed Mr. Robert A. Ware, 246 Devonshire street, Boston, Mass., as chairman of a committee to consider this subject of revising or amending our constitution. Mr. Ware would like to have members think over this matter and write to him, stating their views or offering suggestions, more especially on matters not provided for by the constitution.

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